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Please insert the following replacement paragraph beginning on page 6,  
line 4:

**Fig. 6.** Highly conserved sequence of human, murine, *D. melanogaster*, and *C. elegans* *NIT1* gene (SEQ ID NO:1) and protein (SEQ. ID. NO: 25 thru SEQ. ID. NO: 31).